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I recently had my wallet stolen. I do not carry my Social Security card in it just because I might lose wallet. However, I do carry my Medicare card. Unfortunately the Medicare card number is my Social Security number so I have unwittingly breached my Social Security security.

No credit card company or any other company or agency is foolish enough to use the Social Security number for identity purposes. Even Driver License agencies that wanted to use the S.S. # on Drivers Licenses have pretty much given up on that idea.

It seems it would be no problem to have a random number on the Medicare card and only when the card is used and it gets into the Social Security Administration would it relate to the S.S. #. Unfortunately, the Administration has not figured that out. Please discontinue this practice.

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